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### **Snohomish County Public Works to Resurface 107 Miles of Roads This Summer**

#### *2015 Paving Program and Chip Seal Program Begins Annual Work*

**EVERETT, Wash., June 3, 2015** – With warm and dry weather, Snohomish County Public Works will begin its annual road resurfacing programs this summer targeting 107 miles of county roadways. Motorists will experience better driving conditions after the county improves the roads with two resurfacing techniques.

The county annually evaluates its roads to develop a multi-year plan to preserve and maintain county roads in the most cost-effective way. This year, the county will pave 14 miles of road with asphalt through its Paving Program while chip sealing about 93 miles of road through its Chip Seal Program.

#### Paving Program

This year's paving work will take place between June and October. Where necessary, sidewalk ramps will also be upgraded to meet current American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The Paving Program focuses on preserving pavement while it is still in fair condition by placing a new layer of asphalt over the existing asphalt. A typical asphalt road has a serviceable life of 15-30 years depending upon location, traffic volumes, weather, and truck / heavy vehicle usage. The work will be completed by paving contractors Watson Asphalt and Granite Construction.

#### Chip Seal Program

Chip sealing is scheduled to begin July 6 in various south county neighborhoods. The county's road maintenance crew will work its way southeast to the Monroe area, then Snohomish, Machias, Lake Stevens and Granite Falls areas, and end the season in the Darrington area in September.

The county's Road Maintenance Division crews will use approximately 12,000 tons of asphalt to patch potholes and improve uneven or failing pavement prior to completing the chip seal work. Chip sealing extends the life of the road surface for an additional seven to 10 years.

Once the chips are pressed into place by a roller, the road is then opened to traffic. A temporary speed limit of 20 miles per hour will be in effect during the week following the chip seal placement. Adherence to this temporary speed limit will minimize the likelihood of loose, flying chips causing damage to a vehicle's body or windshield. Crews will return within a week to sweep up any loose chips and, if needed, replace pavement striping.

Both chip seal and paving work are weather dependent and all preliminary schedules are subject to change.

Work is scheduled for the following areas of Snohomish County:

| County/City areas             | Number of road locations | Total road miles |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Arlington.....                | 17 .....                 | 7.75             |
| Darrington.....               | 3 .....                  | 6.23             |
| Eastmont.....                 | 24 .....                 | 5.39             |
| Granite Falls / Getchell..... | 4 .....                  | 6.73             |
| Lake Roesiger.....            | 1 .....                  | 5.09             |
| Lake Stevens / Machias.....   | 8 .....                  | 3.06             |
| Lake Goodwin.....             | 10 .....                 | 3.60             |
| Maltby.....                   | 8 .....                  | 5.12             |
| Marysville.....               | 13 .....                 | 6.33             |
| Monroe.....                   | 18 .....                 | 14.34            |
| Oso.....                      | 8 .....                  | 9.17             |
| Snohomish.....                | 11 .....                 | 14.86            |
| Southwest County.....         | 16 .....                 | 5.01             |
| Stanwood.....                 | 11 .....                 | 12.70            |
| Sultan / Sky Valley.....      | 4 .....                  | 1.55             |

For more information about the Paving Program or Chip Seal Program and maps of the identified roads, visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/512](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/512).

#### **About Snohomish County Public Works**

The Snohomish County Public Works Department employs approximately 600 staff members that develop and maintain county roads; control and manage surface water quantity, quality and fish habitats; and oversee the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks).